



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)  
D1W Nov-05

ROBERT DEBERARDINE  
ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD  
DEPT. 377/AP6A  
ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-6008

**COPY MAILED**

NOV 16 2005

# OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of Davidson et al. :  
Application No. 10/753,646 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: 8 January, 2004 :  
Atty Docket No. 5940.US.C3 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 21 September, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.137(b),<sup>1</sup> to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

1 Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide  
that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to  
revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR  
1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continuing examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

The application became abandoned on 19 April, 2005, for failure to timely respond to the Office action requiring restriction and/or election, which set a one (1) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 29 September, 2005.

Petitioner has filed an election as the response to the restriction requirement.

The statement contained in the instant petition does not set forth that the entire delay from the due date of the required reply to the date of the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional as required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). However, the statement contained in the instant petition is being so construed. Petitioner **must** notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation.

This application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1656 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3231.



Douglas I. Wood  
Senior Petitions Attorney  
Office of Petitions